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DATE OF INFO 12 Jan 1950

LOC. TIME Holloman AFB, N. Mex.

OSI Report

SOURCE Airman

DATE 13 Jan 51

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1900 MST

OBJCT Brilliant white changing to green  
and red

Star

MOT Relatively slow

Same as Planet Venus

ATTITUDE Unknown

West

VELOCITY 5 Min.

IN CLOUD

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LOCATION

Ground

Source observed object once at 1900 for 5  
minutes then again at 2100. At 1900 it was  
approx.  $353^{\circ}$  -  $355^{\circ}$  true. At 2100 it was  
approx.  $35^{\circ}$  from S at  $325^{\circ}$ . It was  $10^{\circ}$  -  $15^{\circ}$  above horizon. Was about same bright-  
ness as Venus, changed erratic-  
ally to green and red.

ASTRO(VENUS)

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon a directive (AFCSI Letter No. 85) dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects.

AT HOLLOWAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

2. [REDACTED], 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, was interviewed on 13 January 1950 concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon and the following information was obtained:

- a. Date of sighting: 13 January 1950.
- b. Time of sighting: 0605 hours 13 January 1950, at which time the object was in the same general vicinity in the sky as one sighted the evening before. Re: (24-8)-15.
- c. Where sighted: Holloman Air Force Base. Object was approximately due north of base.
- d. Number of objects: One
- e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None
- f. Distance of object from observer:  
(1) Laterally or horizontally: Undeterminable; however, object appeared to be further away from observer than the sighting of this observer at 1030 6 January 1950. Re: (24-8)-13.  
(2) Angle of elevation from horizon: 10 to 15°.  
(3) Altitude: Undeterminable, due to unknown size of object.
- g. Time in sight: Observer did not observe object for a very great length of time.
- h. Appearance of object:  
(1) Color: Predominately white - very bright, comparable to Venus; changed erratically to green and red.  
(2) Shape: Starlike shape; unable to determine specific shape.  
(3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.  
(4) Size: Appeared to be about the same size as the planet Venus.
- 10° elev A1 320° Az  
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- i. Direction of flight: Observer did not keep object in sight long enough to determine overall movement of the object. When sighted at 0605 on 13 January, the object had moved to the east a small number of degrees beyond the point where it was observed at 1900 the previous evening, (24-8)-15. Object moved erratically up, down, to the right, and to the left in its general path of movement from east to west.
- j. Tactics or maneuvers: Object traversed a predominately level path; changes in altitude were comparatively minute and erratic.
- k. Evidence of exhaust: None
- l. Effect on clouds: Although it was extremely cloudy in the west, east and south, there were no clouds to the north. The object was clearly visible in the north and had no effect on the clouds that were in the sky.
- m. Lights: Object itself was a light.
- n. Support: None visible.
- o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.
- p. Control and stability: Apparently poor.
- q. Air ducts: Unable to determine.
- r. Speed: Unable to determine.
- s. Sound: None
- t. Manner of disappearance: Object disappeared 0605, 13 January, due to the on-coming daylight.
- u. Notes relative to observer:
- (1) Name: [REDACTED]  
(2) Address: 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB.  
(3) Occupation: File clerk, Air Provost Marshal's Office.  
(4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base.

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- (5) Pertinent hobbies: None
- (6) Ability to determine: Average
- (7) Reliability of observer: Reliable.
- (8) Former sightings: Observer saw a like object on 6 January 1950, which object was reported by this agent, and also on the evening of the previous day, 12 January 1950.

(9) Witnesses:

Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman AFB.

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3. This agent was unable to make an attempt to get a definite "fix" on the object due to the fact that it was not reported until after it had disappeared. There was no radar in operation at the time of the sighting. Checks were made with the Base Weather Squadron, the Operations and Projects Section, Holloman AFB, and the Research Branch at White Sands Proving Ground, and it was determined that no testing devices had been released which would account for the sighting.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

DR/WEB / pc

File No: (24-8) - 15

26 January 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA

Sighted by Pfc JOHN M. GUSICH, AF-57501418,  
Holloman AFB, at 1900 hours, 12 January 1950  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

1900  
700  
260  
OLW

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: MCIAKO-3

1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation from this district concerning the sighting of unidentified aerial objects.

2. Attached is one copy of a Report of Investigation by Special Agent Russell O. Womack, Jr., this office, dated 13 January 1950, subject as above.

3. Copies of all future reports of sightings of this nature will be forwarded to your headquarters.

*Doyle Rees*  
DOYLE REES  
Lt Col, USAF  
District Commander

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Rpt of Inv, 13 Jan 50

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- (3) Occupation: File-clerk, Air Provost Marshal's Office.
- (4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base.
- (5) Pertinent hobbies: None
- (6) Ability to determine: Average
- (7) Reliability of observer: Reliable
- (8) Former sightings: Observer saw a like object on 6 January 1950, which object was reported by this agent.
- (9) Witnesses:
  - Cpl. Gaillen K. Greseth, AF-17238126,  
Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman AFB.
  - Pfc. Sidney C. Autenberry, AF-18280978  
Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman AFB.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

## REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE	FILE NO. <b>(24-8) - 15</b>	DATE <b>13 January 1950</b>
	REPORT MADE BY <b>S/A RUSSELL O. WOMACK, JR.</b>	
	REPORT MADE AT <b>17th DO, Kirtland AFB</b>	
	PERIOD <b>13 January 1950</b>	
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>17th DO, Kirtland AFB</b>	
	STATUS <b>CLOSED</b>	

## CHARACTER

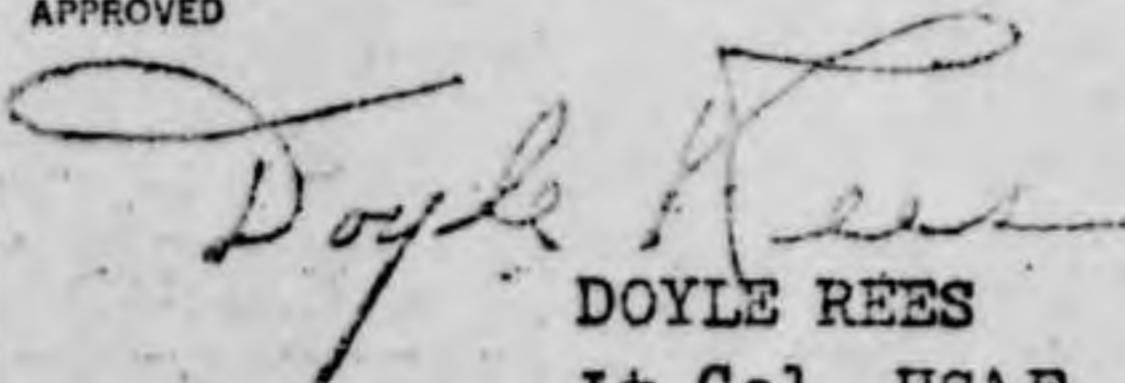
**SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft**

## REFERENCE

**AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949.**

## SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects. Pfc JOHN M. GUSICH, AF-57501418, File Clerk, Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman Air Force Base, observed an unusual aerial phenomenon, at 1900 hours, 12 January 1950. GUSICH was interviewed and all pertinent information was obtained.

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**AT HOLLOWAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO.**

2. Pfc. JOHN M. GUSICH, AF-57501418, 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, was interviewed on 13 January 1950 concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon and the following information was obtained:

a. Date of sighting: 12 January 1950.

b. Time of sighting: Observed for 5 minutes at 1900 to 1905 and at 2100 hours on 12 January 1950.

c. Where sighted: Holloman Air Force Base.

Azimuth at 1900 was 5 to 7° west of north.

At 2100 azimuth was about 35° west of north.

d. Number of objects: One

e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None

f. Distance of object from observer:

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(2) Angle of elevation from horizon: 10 to 15°.

(3) Altitude: Undeterminable, due to unknown size of object.

g. Time in sight: Observer did not observe object for a very great length of time. Approximately 5 minutes.

h. Appearance of object:

(1) Color: Predominately white - very bright, comparable to Venus; changed erratically to green and red.

(2) Shape: Starlike shape; unable to determine specific shape.

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- i. Direction of flight: Observer did not keep object in sight long enough to determine overall movement of the object; however, at 1900 hours the object was moving to the west, and when sighted again at 2100 it was still west of where it was first observed. Object moved erratically up, down, to the right, and to the left in its general path of movement from east to west.
- j. Tactics or maneuvers: Object traversed a predominately level path; changes in altitude were comparatively minute and erratic.
- k. Evidence of exhaust: None
- l. Effect on clouds: Although the night of 12 January 1950 was extremely cloudy in the west, east and south, there were no clouds to the north. The object was clearly visible in the north and had no effect on the clouds that were in the sky.
- m. Lights: Object itself was a light.
- n. Support: None visible.
- o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.
- p. Control and stability: Apparently poor, trajectory was very erratic.
- q. Air ducts: Unable to determine.
- r. Speed: Unable to determine.
- s. Sound: None
- t. Manner of disappearance: Discontinued watching due to length of stay in the sky.
- u. Notes relative to observer:
- (1) Name: JOHN M. GUSICH, AF-57501418, Pfc.  
(2) Address: 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB.

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DATE OF INFO 13 Jan 1950

LOCATION Holloman AFB, N. Mex.

OSI Report

SOURCE Airman

REPORT DATE 13 Jan 1951

DATE OF OBSERVATION --

TIME 0605

COLOR Brilliant white changing to  
red and green

Starlike

MOTION Hovered

Same planet Venus

ALTITUDE Unknown

Apparently didn't change position

DIRTITUDE IN WHICH OBSERVED --

TYPE OF SURFACE

Ground

SKETCHES

Source observed object due north of the base  
10°-15° above horizon. Object disappeared  
when daylight arrived. This is the third sighting reported by  
same observer in a week.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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File No: (24-8) - 16

27 January 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA

Sighted by [REDACTED]  
Holloman AFB, at 0605 hours, 13 January 1950  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General  
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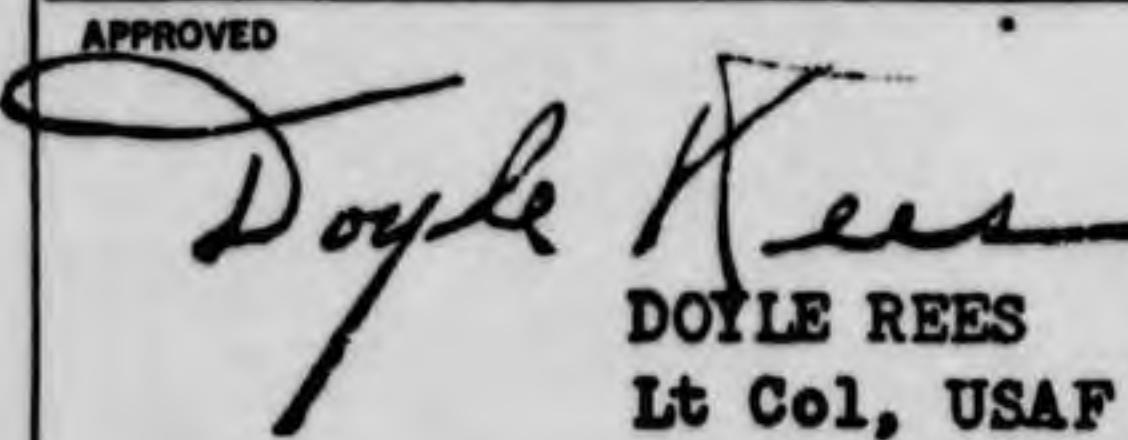
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SIGHTED BY	Pfc J. [REDACTED]
LOCATION	Holloman AFB
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